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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

## EMIGRATION.

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A Proceedings—Nos. 10 to 12.

*Repatriation of eleven destitute Indians from Port Said. Discouragement of emigration to Egypt.*

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EMIGRATION—A, FEBRUARY 1909.

Nos. 10—12.

REPATRIATION OF ELEVEN DESTITUTE INDIANS FROM PORT SAID. DIS- File No. 13 of  
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Pro. FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, No. 4-PUB., DATED THE 1ST JANUARY Serial No. 1.  
No. 10. 1909.

*Forwards for consideration a copy of correspondence regarding the repatriation from Port Said of eleven destitute natives of India, and in view of certain remarks by the Consul-General at Port Said to the effect that passports should not be issued to Indians of the poorer class without a deposit of £10, suggests the desirability of some action being taken to discourage emigration to Egypt.*

The question of the repatriation of the eleven destitute Indians has been disposed of by the Secretary of State by his accepting the cost of sending them back to India as a charge against Indian revenues.

2. Lord Morley suggests that in view of the remarks made by Mr. Consul Cameron, some action should be taken to discourage emigration to Egypt of natives of India of the poorer class. Mr. Consul Cameron's letter shows that the Indians who became destitute at Port Said had been furnished with passports at Bombay. He accordingly suggests that the Government of Bombay should refuse to issue passports to Indians who cannot deposit at least £10. The proposal would amount to the placing of a restriction on free emigration which is opposed to the policy of Government. In the second place it would not be effective because passports are not compulsory and the Government of India have declined to make them obligatory. In the circumstances we cannot accept the suggestion of the Consul.

\* A Pres.,  
Feb. 1908,  
Nos. 18 to 33.  
† B Pres., Oct.  
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3. In order to meet the wishes of the Secretary of State, we may send a copy of the papers to the Government of Bombay, state the reasons against the adoption of the Consul's proposal, and ask the Local Government that if they agree, a notification may be issued stating that there is no prospect of employment for Indians in Egypt, and that in the event of their destitution there is no likelihood of their being afforded relief by the Egyptian Government. It does not appear to be necessary for the Government of India to issue a Resolution, as emigration to Egypt is confined to the Bombay Presidency and adjoining Native States. We may send a copy of the proposed letter to the India Office for information.

A. K. S.,—23-1-1909.

M. M. S. GURRAY,—25-1-1909.

There is nothing else to be done.

B. ROBERTSON,—25-1-1909.

W. L. H[ARVEY],—26-1-1909.

Pro. TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, No. 995—13, DATED THE 3RD FEBRUARY 1909. Serial No. 2.  
No. 11. *Forwards a copy of Serial No. 1, stating, for the reasons explained, that the Government of India are unable to accept the Consul's suggestion. Asks that a notification may however be issued giving warnings against emigration to Egypt.*

Pro. TO THE INDIA OFFICE, No. 996—13, DATED THE 4TH FEBRUARY 1909. Serial No. 3.  
No. 12. *Forwards for information a copy of Serial No. 2.*

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REPATRIATION OF ELEVEN DESTITUTE INDIANS FROM PORT SAID. DISCOURAGEMENT OF EMIGRATION TO EGYPT. File No. 13 of 1908

No. 10.

No. 4-Pub., dated India Office, London, the 1st January 1909.

Serial No. 1.

From—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India,  
To—The Government of India.

I FORWARD, for the consideration of Your Excellency's Government, a copy of correspondence with the Foreign Office with regard to the repatriation from Port Said of eleven destitute natives of India. In accordance with the usual practice in such cases, I have accepted the cost of sending these men back to India as a charge against Indian revenues; but, in view of the remarks of His Majesty's Consul-General at Port Said, contained in his letter of the 21st November 1908, it appears necessary to take some action in order to discourage the emigration to Egypt of natives of India of the poorer class.

I have, etc.,

MORLEY OF BLACKBURN.

Enclosure 1 to India, Public despatch No. 4, dated the 1st January 1909.

40476-08.  
Immediate.

Foreign Office,  
November 23rd, 1908.

SIR,

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit herewith, for the information of Lord Morley of Blackburn, copy of a telegram dated the 20th instant from His Majesty's Consul-General at Port Said, requesting sanction to repatriate eleven destitute Indians.

I am to state that Mr. Cameron is an experienced officer who exercises careful discrimination in such cases, and that expense would no doubt be saved by granting the requisite authority without delay.

I am, etc.,

W. LANGLEY.

The Under-Secretary of State,  
India Office.

DECODE.

Telegram from Consul-General Cameron, Port Said.

D & R.  
November 20th, 1908.

No. 7.

May I repatriate eleven destitute Indians?  
Letter follows for India Office.



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Pro. No. 10 ] Repatriation of eleven destitute Indians from Port Said.

Enclosure 2 to India, Public despatch No. 4, dated the 1st January 1909.

J. & P.-4411.

India Office,

25th November 1908.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Langley's letter No. 40476, dated the 23rd instant, and in reply to request that His Majesty's Consul-General at Port Said may be authorised by telegraph to arrange for sending back to India, at the cheapest rate, the eleven destitute natives of India, referred to in his telegram of the 20th instant.

I have, etc.,

COLIN G. CAMPBELL.

The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office.

Enclosure 3 to India, Public despatch No. 4, dated the 1st January 1909.

41596-08.

Foreign Office.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for India and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith the under-mentioned paper, received under flying seal.

Foreign Office.

December 1, 1908.

Reference to previous letter.

India Office, November 25 (J. & P.-4411).

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Consul-General Cameron to India Office, November 21. (Enclosure in Mr. Cameron's No. 20, November 21).	Distressed Indian subjects at Port Said.

ANNEX 1.

British Consulate-General,  
Port Said;  
21st November 1908.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to apply for sanction to relieve and repatriate eleven destitute natives of India whose names are given on the enclosed list.

Adam Abbram Lunat applied at this Office on the 6th instant: four others on the 19th, and six on the 20th. They state that last September they obtained passports at Bombay and came to Suez in the hope of finding work at Cairo; that they remained at Cairo for nearly two months until their stock of money was exhausted, and that they are now quite destitute.

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As the Egyptian Police regulations are strict in the matter of vagabondage, I have been obliged to take these eleven men on charge at a special low rate of 1-6 a day, but considerable expense must be incurred for their passages at the cheapest rate to Bombay.

Referring to my letter of the 22nd October last, I succeeded in sending Asghar Ali from Suez to Bombay for £5. Even at this low rate the total for 11 men would amount to £55, and I would ask permission to draw a bill on the Chief Clerk of the Foreign Office for their passage money and subsistence.

I beg to enclose copy of Notification No. 2612, dated Bombay Castle, 20th April 1907, which prohibits the conveyance to, or landing at, Aden of indigent persons. This regulation is very strictly carried out at Port Said and Suez. Conversely, it is submitted that precautions may be taken at Bombay, and that no passports for Egypt may be issued to natives of the poorer classes without a deposit of at least £10 per applicant. It is almost impossible for them to find any employment in this country, and serious expense may be incurred if their immigration is not checked.

I have, etc.,

D. A. CAMERON.

The Right Hon'ble Viscount Morley, O.M.,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
India Office, London, S.W.

ANNEX 2.

List of Destitute Natives of India at Port Said.

					November 21st, 1908.
					Bombay Passports.
Sale Jive Dand	.	.	.	Aged 24 Grocer. Alipora. Serat.	425. 7th September 1908.
Adam Abbram Lunat	.	.	.	25. " " "	426. "
Adam Fakir Lunat	.	.	.	22. " " "	428. "
Hassan Hassan Sidet	.	.	.	24. " Wadi. "	430. "
Mahmad Akub	.	.	.	35. " " "	431. "
Ahmedji Adavji	.	.	.	24. " " "	432. "
Asmalji Abbramji	.	.	.	25. " Baroli. "	433. "
Issp Fakir Meitar	.	.	.	45. " " "	434. "
Asmal Musa	.	.	.	25. Barber. Degam. "	435. "
Kast Abdool Vahed Fasluddin	.	.	.	23. Grocer. Navari. Baroda.	437. 8th September 1908.
Fakir Goolab	.	.	.	20. Barber. Kolwa. Sanat.	453. 10th September 1908.

ANNEX 3.

Copy.  
No. 2612.

Bombay Castle,  
20th April 1907.

Political Department.

The following Notification by the Political Resident, Aden (19th April 1904), is published for general information:—

"In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Aden Pilgrims and Paupers Regulation XI, 1887, as amended by Regulation II, 1902, and in supersession of the Notification dated 12th July 1888, published under Government Notification No. 2755, dated 8th August 1888, and Notification dated 3rd December 1903, published under Government Notification No. 1477, dated 20th February 1904, the Political Resident of Aden, with the sanction of His

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Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council, hereby prohibits, with effect on and from the 1st day of July 1904—

- (a) the conveyance to Aden by any shipmaster or other person from any port or place and in any vessel or means of conveyance whatever of any indigent person;
- (b) the landing at Aden of any indigent person from any vessel whatever;
- (c) the rendering of aid by any shipping master or other person to any indigent person to land at Aden and the wilful permission of the landing of any such person at Aden on the part of any shipping master or other person.

P. J. MAITLAND,  
MAJOR-GENERAL.  
*Political Resident, Aden.*

By order of His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council.

S. W. EDGERLEY,  
*Acting Chief Secretary to Government.*

Serial No. 2.

No. 995—13, dated Calcutta, the 3rd February 1909.

No. 11.

From—M. M. S. GUBRAY, Esq., I.C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India,  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.  
To—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

I AM directed to forward a copy of a despatch, with enclosures, from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 4 (Public), dated the 1st January 1909, regarding the repatriation from Port Said of certain destitute Indians. It will be observed that in view of the remarks contained in the letter from His Majesty's Consul-General at Port Said, dated the 21st November 1908, to the effect that no passports for Egypt should be issued to natives of India of the poorer class without a deposit of at least £10, the Secretary of State has suggested that some action should be taken to discourage the emigration.

2. With regard to the proposal advanced by the Consul-General, I am to remark that the possession of passports is not compulsory in the case of persons proceeding outside India, and the Government of India have on a previous occasion considered it undesirable to make them obligatory. They are therefore unable to accept the suggestion of the Consul-General. I am, however, to suggest that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a notification may be issued stating that there is no prospect of employment for Indians in Egypt, and that in the event of their destitution there is no likelihood of their being afforded relief.

Serial No. 3.

No. 996—13, dated Calcutta, the 4th February 1909.

No. 12.

From—B. ROBERTSON, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of India,  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.  
To—The Secretary, Judicial and Political Department, India Office.

With reference to the despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 4 (Public), dated the 1st January 1909, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Lordship, a copy of a letter, No. 995—13, dated the 3rd February 1909, addressed to the Government of Bombay regarding the desirability of discouraging the emigration of Indians to Egypt.

Encl. notes—10—12

Encl.

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\* A Feb. " Nos. 18 to 33. ( " " 74) (17)